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CAB Recognizes Volunteers

2011 Octavius Morgan Distinguished Service Awards

Named after the first president of the California Architects Board, the Octavius Morgan Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals who have significantly contributed to the Board's mission through their volunteerism over a period of time.

The California Architects Board (CAB) relies on volunteers to assist in developing the California Supplemental Examination and to serve on many of its committees. Named after the first Board president, the Octavius Morgan Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals who have significantly contributed to the Board's mission through their volunteerism over a period of time. To show its appreciation, the Board selects award recipients annually. Nominations are accepted from Board members and staff. Here are the 2011 honorees:

Denis Henmi, FAIA, NCARB
Kwan Henmi Architecture
Planning Inc., San Francisco

Denis Henmi was on a path toward dentistry before a defining moment changed his course.

Henmi's first taste of architecture and urban design was as a high school student, where he took notice of the completion of one of San Francisco's first contemporary high rises, the Crown Zellerbach building, by renowned architectural firm Skidmore, Owings and Merrill LLP. "I actually took time to find out more about the building and interviewed two of the firm's key people, Design Principal Charles Bassett and founding partner John Merrill." The visit included a tour, introductions to other firm members, and tidbits on other projects. Despite the exposure and interest in architecture, Henmi thought that he would pursue dentistry. However, it didn't take too long to realize that a career in architecture might be more rewarding than peering into people's mouths. He changed his education path from dentistry and



Denis Henmi



Phyllis A. Newton



Richard R. Tannahill

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President's Message

By Marilyn Lyon, Board President 2012

Release of CSE Results at Test Sites

In this economy, time is money. As professionals, we must be more effective and efficient to keep pace with the growing demands. To this end, the Board has embraced several initiatives the last few years that are meant to streamline the licensure process in California.

First, we repackaged and reimaged the California Supplemental Examination (CSE) as a computer-delivered examination that now permits candidates to test at their convenience. This change was a monumental effort.

Secondly, we decommissioned the Comprehensive Intern Development Program (CIDP). When it was created, CIDP was an important tool to augment the quantitative aspects of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' (NCARB) Intern Development Program (IDP) with a more qualitative evidence-based element. In doing so, we created a positive catalyst for mentoring via a framework of training and documenting evidence. Fortunately, the evolution of IDP, culminating in its most recent iteration, IDP 2.0, has been very positive. It gave the Board the sufficient confidence to repeal the additional requirement of CIDP.

The Board is one of the many organizations within the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), which as its main role provides administrative and support services. In fulfilling its responsibility, DCA is currently in the process of implementing an integrated enterprise-wide licensing and enforcement system. BreZE, the name by which new system is known, will utilize available technologies to facilitate increased efficiencies and will, for example, allow individuals the ability to apply for testing eligibility or check the status of an examination result, apply for or renew a license online, and even check on the status of an application.

The future will also bring other opportunities for change. NCARB is doing some very interesting work regarding the IDP, the Architect Registration Examination, and even the National Architectural Accrediting Board accreditation standards. As NCARB culminates the Practice Analysis Survey, the data may drive new innovations in our national programs, which in turn can translate to new efficiencies and opportunities the Board can leverage.

Beginning June 2012, California Supplemental Examination (CSE) results are provided to candidates at test sites upon completion of their exam. Previously, results were mailed to candidates approximately 30 days after the date of their exam.

Candidates who pass the exam are provided with a congratulatory letter and an Application for Licensure. Those who fail the exam are provided with their score report and a CSE application.

This change improves efficiencies and streamlines the examination and licensure process providing candidates with all necessary information and forms at the time of completing their exam.

More information regarding the CSE is available on the Board's website at www.cab.ca.gov under Candidates.

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has been a Master Commissioner since 2000. The added responsibility of this role includes training the other Commissioners prior to administering the exams. He has also assisted the Board with exam content writing, content review, and standards setting. Most recently, he participated as a content expert and assisted in writing questions for the written format.

“Volunteering for the Board has provided an interesting and rewarding way to contribute to my profession,” he says. “The licensing process is very important in ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The CSE has provided me with a way to connect with my colleagues and contribute to the measure of expertise to practice architecture.”

Tannahill earned a bachelor of science in business management information systems from the University of Phoenix. With more than 22 years of experience, he excels in project and staff management, design, construction contract documents, and construction administration. He’s most widely recognized for his work on healthcare projects.

He’s currently working on Clovis Community Medical Center’s new hospital expansion and renovation. This 350,000 square-foot project has allowed him to work with a forward-thinking client on a multiphased design to improve an existing hospital, which must remain open throughout construction. Another key feature – it’s a test project for the Office of Statewide Health

Planning and Development’s Phased Plan Review process. The goals of phased review include facilitating the opportunity to design, review, approve and build a hospital project as efficiently and in as timely a manner as possible while achieving code compliance. This collaborative effort has resulted in minimal review time for a project of this size.

“With the project well under construction, it’s satisfying to see the benefits that are already being provided for the Clovis community,” he says.

He is also a member of The American Institute of Architects.



difference in the quality of life for underprivileged individuals. Architects also have the opportunity to respond to humanitarian crises around the world by bringing basic design services to communities in need.

Architects are also the only professionals who can take on certain responsibilities following a natural disaster such as an earthquake or flood. They are often called upon to assess damage and provide planning and design assistance for temporary housing. Later in a recovery process, architects take the lead in planning the rebuilding of homes, businesses, communities — and people's lives.

Reaching a Goal

In addition to the contributions you can make to society as an architect, there are personal reasons for completing the licensure process. Obtaining a license is an official validation that you have the required education and experience and have demonstrated your competence via examinations. Once you are licensed, you belong to a select circle of professionals who have a unique responsibility and ability to shape people's lives.

Increasing Your Career Opportunities

Being licensed will give you several career advantages. First, many positions in architectural firms and government agencies require a license, and you will

not be qualified for such positions without one. Additionally, during robust economic times, California experiences shortages of architects. Once you obtain a license, you will be a professional who is qualified to fill many positions. As a licensed individual, you will also have greater job security. In today's global economy, the activities performed by unlicensed employees are more likely to be outsourced.

A related advantage to being licensed is that you will have more career options and the opportunity to take on diverse responsibilities. As a licensed architect, you can be principal of your own firm or a firm owned by others. You can also take on other responsibilities, such as managing staff, handling legal and business issues, and planning the direction of the firm. You can enjoy the satisfaction of being the lead designer on building projects and receiving professional recognition for the buildings you design.

While the path to licensure may seem long and the amount of study required may sometimes seem overwhelming, keep in mind the reason for this process: Architects have an enormous responsibility to protect the health and safety of individuals. The education and experience you acquire will enable you to obtain the license that will allow you to make a difference.



ARE ROLLING CLOCK 2014

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' (NCARB) Architect Registration Examination (ARE) Rolling Clock provision when initially implemented pertained solely to those divisions of the ARE passed on or after January 1, 2006. The Rolling Clock specifies that each division of the ARE a candidate passes is valid for no more than five years unless all divisions of the ARE have been successfully completed prior to the current Rolling Clock expiration date.

Divisions of the ARE passed prior to January 1, 2006, were originally exempt from the Rolling Clock. However, it was expanded in 2009 to encompass the previously exempt divisions. Effective July 1, 2014, any ARE 3.1 (or earlier version) divisions passed prior to January 1, 2006, will become invalid and must be retaken under ARE 4.0 (or its successor) unless all remaining divisions are completed on or before June 30, 2014. Candidates who pass (or have passed) all divisions of the ARE by

the deadline are not affected by the Rolling Clock.

It is important that candidates who passed divisions prior to January 1, 2006, be made aware of the 2014 deadline should they wish to pursue licensure and not lose credit for those divisions. The Board urges candidates to finish the ARE.

Complete information about NCARB's Rolling Clock can be found on their website (ncarb.org).

2012 NCARB Practice Analysis

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) distributed its 2012 Practice Analysis of Architecture Survey to more than 80,000 architects, interns, and educators across the country this past April. The survey content addressed specific tasks and knowledge/skills related to the predesign, design, project management, and practice management aspects of the profession, as well as general knowledge and skills. The data will be used to drive future updates and

modifications to the Architect Registration Examination (ARE), inform the Intern Development Program (IDP), and guide NCARB's response to the 2013 National Architectural Accrediting Board Accreditation Review Conference. The results will also be used to inform NCARB's continuing education policies.

The survey was developed through the collaborative effort of NCARB and its collateral organizations: The American Institute of Architects, the American Institute of Architecture Students, the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, and the National Architectural Accrediting Board. The Practice Analysis Steering Committee, comprised of volunteer architects and representatives from each collateral organization plus NCARB staff, with the expert guidance of consultant Psychological Services, LLC (PSI), spent nearly two years carefully conceiving and designing a survey that would maximize potential results, provide valuable insights into the profession, and lay the strongest foundation for education, experience, examination, and continuing education.

The Board assisted NCARB in its efforts to establish a prospective survey pool by providing the relevant contact information for its approximately 20,000 licensees and posting a notice regarding the Practice Analysis on its website. The Board also promoted participation in the survey through other means, including an article in the spring 2012 newsletter and other information on its website.

The survey concluded in early-May and PSI conducted its analysis of the data. A report with their recommendations based on the data collected will be submitted to the NCARB Board of Directors in the fall for acceptance. The findings will be posted on the NCARB website when finalized. PSI will conduct a comparison of the data with the current test specification during the latter part of 2012. The final step of the process will involve NCARB committees and task forces determining how best to incorporate the findings and recommendations, which will shape the future of the ARE and IDP and other NCARB policies and programs. NCARB plans to "refresh" the test specification for the ARE by June 2013.



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